

REMARKS

I. Introduction

Claims 29 to 57 are pending in the present application. In view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable, and reconsideration is respectfully requested.

II. Allowed Claims 33 to 48 and 52 to 57

Applicants note with appreciation the indication that claims 33 to 48 and 52 to 57 are allowed.

III. Rejection of Claims 29 to 32 and 49 to 51 Under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a)

Regarding the rejection of claims 29 to 32 and 49 to 51 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a), although Applicants do not necessarily agree with the merits of this rejection, to facilitate matters, claim 32 has been amended herein without prejudice to depend from allowed claim 33. Since claims 29 to 32 and 49 to 51 now ultimately depend from allowed claim 33, it is respectfully submitted that the present rejection is moot, and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

IV. Conclusion

It is therefore respectfully submitted that all of the presently pending claims are allowable. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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